

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

TOPIC Notice of Intended Action: Chapter 30 - Waters Cost Share and Grant Programs

The Commission's approval is requested to amend Iowa Administrative Code section 571—30, "Water Recreation Access Cost-Share Program."

The amendments will supplement the current chapter with a Water Trails Development Program and Low-Head Dam Public Hazard Program and rename the chapter "Waters Cost-Share and Grant Programs."

The Commission approved Notice of Intended Action for this item at the Nov. 8, 2007 meeting.

Notice of Intended Action was published December 5, 2007, as ARRC 6444. Public comments were accepted on or before January 2, 2008. No public comments were received.

Changes made to the Notice of Intended action are in response to priorities established in legislation finalized during the 2008 legislative session and in order to instate reporting requirements similar to other departmental granting programs. These changes include the name of the program being changed to mirror Iowa Code under HF2701, which will also reduce confusion between the new "Low-Head Dam Public Hazard Program" and the Department's floodplains dam safety program that relates to reducing flooding when dams fail; eligibility being extended to all dam owners rather than only communities; for signage, posts, and related cabling to be eligible at a lower 20 percent local cost-share, rather than the 50 percent Department cost-share required on all other eligible projects; clarify that secondary recreational and ecological goals can be included in projects; and to require the applicant to file mid-term reports.

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Attachment: : NOIA Chapter 30 - Waters Cost Share and Grant Programs